a control step of controlling deletion of the instruction information in the reproduction instruction file corresponding to the image indicated in said indication step to be deleted if instruction information corresponding to the image is stored in the reproduction instruction file,

wherein the recording medium accessing unit accesses the recording medium in accordance with a manual operation, the recording medium being accessed so as to specify an image to be reproduced.

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 80-93 are pending in the present application. Claims 80, 86-88, 92, and 93 are the independent claims.

Claims 80, 82, 86-88, 92, and 93 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended toward his representative during the personal interview of October 24, 2002. At the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the outstanding rejections set forth in the September 9, 2002, Official Action, which are respectfully traversed.

Applicant acknowledges with gratitude the indication that Claim 82 recites patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has

respectfully maintained Claim 82 in dependent form because, for the reasons discussed below, it is believed that the base claim is allowable.

Claims 88-93 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,111,659 (Murata, et al.). Claims 80, 81, and 83-87 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious to Murata, et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent Claims 88, 92, and 93 recite, inter alia, that a recording medium accessing unit accesses a recording medium in accordance with a manual operation, the recording medium being accessed so as to specify an image to be reproduced. Independent Claims 80, 86, and 87 recite, inter alia, that when reproduction is not performed for a particular image, information relating to the particular image is stored in a memory. However, Applicant respectfully submits that Murata does not teach or suggest at least the aforementioned features of independent Claims 80, 86-88, 92, and 93. Thus, for at least this reason, Murata neither anticipates nor renders obvious independent Claims 80, 86-88, 92, and 93.
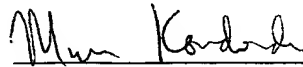
For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as the base claims from which they depend and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action and submits that the present application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to

issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are

solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO THE CLAIMS

80.   (Twice Amended) An image reproduction control apparatus, comprising:

an accessing unit that accesses [a storage unit using] a recording medium, the recording medium storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file containing a plurality of file names specifying images to be reproduced, the reproduction instruction file being separate from the plurality of images;

a reading section that reads [for reading] the reproduction instruction file stored in the recording medium; and

a reproduction control section that controls reproduction of the reproducible images by reading the images specified by the reproduction instruction file read by said reading section,

wherein reproduction is not performed for a particular image specified by the reproduction instruction file if the particular image to be reproduced is not recorded in the recording medium,

wherein, when reproduction is not performed for the particular image, information relating to the particular image is stored in a memory, and

wherein if a next reproducible image is specified by the reproduction instruction file and said reproduction control section determines that the next reproducible image is recorded in the recording medium, the next reproducible image is reproduced.

82.   (Amended) The image reproduction control apparatus of Claim 80,

further comprising a display for displaying information relating to [the file name of] the

particular image for which reproduction is not performed.

86.   (Twice Amended) A method of controlling image reproduction, the

method comprising:

providing an accessing unit that accesses [a storage unit using] a recording

medium, the recording medium storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction

instruction file containing a plurality of file names specifying images to be reproduced, the

reproduction instruction file being separate from the plurality of images;

reading the reproduction instruction file stored in the recording medium; and

controlling reproduction of the reproducible images by reading the images

specified by the reproduction instruction file in said reading step,

wherein reproduction is not performed for a particular image specified by the

reproduction instruction file if the particular image to be reproduced is not recorded in the

recording medium,

wherein, when reproduction is not performed for the particular image,

information relating to the particular image is stored in a memory, and

wherein if a next reproducible image is specified by the reproduction instruction

file and said reproduction controlling step determines that the next reproducible image is

recorded in the recording medium, the next reproducible image is reproduced.

87.   (Twice Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a

program for executing a method of controlling image reproduction, wherein the method

comprises:

providing <u>an accessing unit that accesses</u> [a storage unit using] a recording

medium, the recording medium storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction

instruction file containing a plurality of file names specifying images to be reproduced, the

reproduction instruction file being separate from the plurality of images;

reading the reproduction instruction file stored in the recording medium; and

controlling reproduction of the reproducible images by reading the images

specified by the reproduction instruction file in said reading step,

wherein reproduction is not performed for a particular image specified by the

reproduction instruction file if the particular image to be reproduced is not recorded in the

recording medium,

<u>wherein, when reproduction is not performed for the particular image,</u>

<u>information relating to the particular image is stored in a memory,</u> and

wherein if a next reproducible image is specified by the reproduction instruction

file and said reproduction controlling step determines that the next reproducible image is

recorded in the recording medium, the next reproducible image is reproduced.

88.   (Three Times Amended) A recording control apparatus for controlling

recording of images in a recording medium, the apparatus including a <u>recording medium</u>

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accessing unit that can access the recording [storage section using at least the recoding] medium, the recording medium [for] storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file containing instruction information including a plurality of file names specifying images to be reproduced, the reproduction instruction file being separate from the plurality of images, the apparatus comprising:

an indication section for indicating deletion of an image accessed by said accessing unit [at least one of the plurality of reproducible images stored in the storage section]; and

a control section for controlling deletion of the instruction information in the reproduction instruction file corresponding to the [at least one] image indicated by said indication section to be deleted if the instruction information corresponding to the image [images] is stored in the reproduction instruction file,

wherein said recording medium accessing unit accesses the recording medium in accordance with a manual operation, the recording medium being accessed so as to specify an image to be reproduced.

92.   (Twice Amended) A method of controlling recording of images in a recording medium, the method comprising:

providing a recording medium accessing unit that can access [storage section using at least] the recording medium, the recording medium [for] storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file containing instruction information

including a plurality of file names specifying images to be reproduced, the reproduction

instruction file being separate from the plurality of images;

an indication step of indicating deletion of <u>an image accessed by the accessing</u>

<u>unit</u> [at least one of the plurality of reproducible images stored in the storage section]; and

a control step of controlling deletion of the instruction information in the

reproduction instruction file corresponding to the [at least one] image indicated in said indication

step to be deleted if <u>instruction</u> [image] information corresponding to the <u>image</u> [images] is

stored in the reproduction instruction file,

<u>wherein the recording medium accessing unit accesses the recording medium in</u>

<u>accordance with a manual operation, the recording medium being accessed so as to specify an</u>

<u>image to be reproduced</u>.

93.   (Twice Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a

program for executing a method of controlling recording of images in a recording medium,

wherein the method comprises:

providing a <u>recording medium accessing unit that can access</u> [storage section

using at least] the recording medium<u>, the recording medium</u> [for] storing a plurality of

reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file containing instruction information

including a plurality of file names specifying images to be reproduced, the reproduction

instruction file being separate from the plurality of images;

an indication step of indicating deletion of <u>an image accessed by the accessing</u>

<u>unit</u> [at least one of the plurality of reproducible images stored in the storage section]; and

a control step of controlling deletion of the instruction information in the

reproduction instruction file corresponding to the [at least one] image indicated in said indication

step to be deleted if <u>instruction</u> [image] information corresponding to the <u>image</u> [images] is

stored in the reproduction instruction file,

<u>wherein the recording medium accessing unit accesses the recording medium in</u>

<u>accordance with a manual operation, the recording medium being accessed so as to specify an</u>

<u>image to be reproduced.</u>

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